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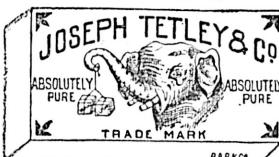
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Four Million Fire Loss

Blaze in Rochester Destroys Large Part of Retail Dry-goods District.

Two Thousand Five Hundred People Thrown Out of Work For Some Time.

Three Large Department Stores Consumed in Conflagration Yesterday.

Rochester, Feb. 26.—The sun set tonight with ten engines pouring streams of water on the ruins of what was practically the retail dry goods district of this city, for three out of the five department stores were consumed in this morning's disastrous fire, the largest of which was the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company.

Insurance men are still figuring on the loss, which they now place at \$4,000,000. Of this amount \$350,000 represents the loss on buildings and the balance of the loss is on stocks of goods and occupants of offices. In addition, it is estimated that 2,500 people are thrown out of work temporarily at least. The burned district lies on the north side of Main street, between St. Paul street and Clinton avenue North, running from St. Paul street almost the entire length of the block. The fire started on the eastern end of the block in the store of the Rochester Dry Goods Company, and worked west, taking but one store east of this establishment, that of the Walkover Shoe Company before its progress was checked in that direction. Next went the store of the Beadle-Sherburne Co., which was destroyed; then the marble block occupied by the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company was also destroyed and finally the thirteen-story Granite building, the lower part of which was occupied by the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company and the upper part by offices. Only the front walls of the Marble block is standing tonight. The shell of the Granite building is intact, the floor is in place, but the building was gutted. On St. Paul street, in the rear of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, stood a six-story building occupied by the wholesale department of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, which was destroyed with all its valuable contents.

The stores of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company were also burned. The flames cut their way into the Granite block building from the Marble building and then followed a footbridge across into the wholesale department building. It is the opinion of experts that the Granite block building can safely be repaired. The frame was not injured, and does not appear to be injured. Assistant Chief Frank A. Jaynes was struck by a flying nozzle and received some bruises.

The Attempt To "Bottle Up"

Admiral Togo's Failure at Port Arthur Cost No Lives and Little Property.

Five Steamships Were Loaded With Stone and Four Sunk.

London, Feb. 26.—Vice-Admiral Togo's attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by sinking a fleet of stone-laden merchant steamers, the mouth of the harbor, evidently failed, though the venture caused no loss of life and the vessels lost were not of great value.

Five ships were prepared by Vice-Admiral Togo for the attempted blockade. Four are reported to have been sunk, but the fate of the fifth is unknown here. It is presumed that it withdrew with the other Japanese vessels. The five vessels were filled with stones to make the destruction permanent, and were manned by volunteer merchant crews. It was impossible to select naval officers and sailors on account of their great rivalry to participate in the daring venture.

Accompanied by four battleships, nine cruisers and numerous vessels, the torpedo fleet, the stone-laden steamers reached Port Arthur on Wednesday. While the fleet engaged the shore batteries, the steamers made a dash for the mouth of the harbor, directly under the Russian guns.

Details of the attack have not been received, but it is evident that the Russian fire sank the steamers before they reached the points planned for their foundering by the Japanese. All of the crews of the four vessels escaped in boats and were picked up by the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers. The report that two of the torpedo boat destroyers were sunk by the Russians is denied.

The Naval department has received a brief despatch from the commander of one of the torpedo boat destroyers, saying that no lives and no warships were lost and that no damage was inflicted by the Russians. Pending the receipt of the official report of Vice-Admiral Togo, the Naval department declines to make any announcement regarding the affair. The five merchant vessels which were prepared for sinking were the Jinsen Maru, 7,221 tons; the Tientsin Maru, 2,942 tons; the Hokoda Maru, 2,776 tons; the Bujo Maru, 1,639 tons; and the Bunshiki Maru, 1,339 tons. Each carried five men, two steering and three firing and running the engines.

NEW JAPANESE CABLE.

Application Considered to Connect with the American Line.

Washington, Feb. 26.—At the cabinet meeting today the question of the landing of the Japanese cable on the Island of Guam was considered. An application has been made to the United States government by the Commercial Cable Company, on behalf of Japan, to land a cable on the Island of Guam in order to connect Japan with the American line at that point. Practically, it is understood that a decision has been reached that such permission could be granted without violating the neutrality of the United States, but that some conditions may be attached to the permission if it should be granted. The question is now in the hands of United States Secretary Hay.

Harbor Entrance Probably Blocked

Only Three Russian Ships Met Thursday Night's Attack On Port Arthur By Admiral Togo's Fleet.

Special Cable to The London Times And Victoria Colonist

Tokio, Feb. 27.—Semi-official reports of the attack of the Japanese fleet on Port Arthur, following the attempt to sink four merchant vessels at the entrance of the harbor, have been received in Tokio. The attack was made on Thursday morning and engaged the three Russian cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan outside the harbor entrance. It is believed that the remainder of the Russian fleet was either unable to leave the harbor through the channel on account of the sinking of the Japanese merchant vessels there the night before, or that they were permanently disabled in some previous attack by the Japanese fleet. The three Russian cruisers are reported to have been heavily damaged. At all events they were driven inside the harbor at Port Arthur within the shelter of the shore batteries. From the best that can be learned, the Japanese attack probably also resulted in severe damage to the land batteries guarding the outer entrance of the harbor of Port Arthur. Following the general

attack, a part of the Japanese fleet drew off, and, attacking three torpedo boats in Pigeon Bay, sank one of them and heavily damaged the other two. The land batteries at Pigeon Bay are reported to have been silenced by the fire from the Japanese vessels.

London, Feb. 27.—Despatches to the London Times from its Paris correspondent give an exhaustive statement from M. De Lanessan, former minister of marine in the French cabinet, setting forth the reasons in detail why France cannot come to the assistance of Russia in the present conflict with Japan. M. De Lanessan rejects the idea advanced by General Cattenoff that France should lend Russia ships of war, say four armor-clads and two sub-marines, for which Russia would pay.

M. De Lanessan says that if France were to give Russia naval assistance and were to intervene in the war, she would be followed by England giving assistance to Japan and a second war would break out in European waters.

Thus, in order to give Russia help of doubtful efficiency, France would plunge into an adventure fraught with formidable possibilities, which no sensible Frenchman could contemplate without terror.

According to the former minister of marine, France's battleships, cruisers and defence fleet are too weak to permit France thinking of sending any portion of her fleet to her ally or exposing herself to a naval war.

Finally, M. De Lanessan says: "Russia cannot be ignorant of all this. She knows there would be no use in resorting to armed intervention in her favor where we should thus expose ourselves to disasters prejudicial not only to our own interests, but also to the prestige and influence of our alliance. These people must be very blind who spread false or falsified stories in order to convince public opinion that Russia is entitled to expect armed intervention on our part."

Reports of the seizure of the cargo of beef on the American steamer Korea consigned to the Russian government of Port Arthur and now at Yokohama are also confirmed. The cargo of the Korea will probably be treated as was that of the seized German steamer Emma. The cargo will merely have its destination changed from Port Arthur to Yokohama, be accepted by the Japanese government and paid for as such.

TWO ARMIES APPROACHING

Russian and Japanese Outposts in View of Each Other North of Ping Yang But no Collision Yet.

Special Cable to The London Times And Victoria Colonist

London, Feb. 27.—The London Times this morning prints a despatch from its Tokio correspondent confirming various despatches to the Publishers Press previously received by the latter from the Japanese capital. The Times states it to be true that Russian and Japanese scouting parties sighted each other on Thursday morning last near Suikheia, about twenty-five miles north of Ping Yang, the Japanese objective point in Korea.

The two forces did not come into collision. The Russian forces are not moving south of the Yumen River. It is said that the roads in this vicinity are extremely bad, which accounts for the halt in the Russian advance.

The recent changes in the Korean cabinet have brought into power the partisans of the development of the kingdom along the lines of Japan and American influence.

The Times correspondent confirms the report that Russian soldiers seized the property of the American mining company at Un-san, to the north of Seoul.

SCENE IN THE CHINESE-JAPANESE WAR.



THE JAPANESE ADVANCE AT THE BATTLE OF KOSAN AT THE PASSAGE OF THE YALU RIVER. FROM "THE GRAPHIC"

Attacks On Port Arthur Are Feints

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—A despatch received here from Port Arthur, dated February 26th, says: "At 1 o'clock this morning several torpedo boats were sighted from here with their sails set for the purpose of disguising their character. The battleship Retvizan and the shore batteries opened fire on them and continued firing till daybreak without any visible results. After daybreak a Japanese squadron, apparently conveying transports, was sighted at a quarter past eleven. This squadron came near and an engagement which lasted forty minutes took place. There was no damage, few shells falling in Port Arthur. It is stated here that Japan will attempt a landing."

An inspection of the Japanese fire ships sent into this harbor February 22nd show they were loaded with coal and rosin, and that electrical infernal machines had been placed in the midst of the cargoes.

Japan's Allies
Seoul, Feb. 26.—The Korean government has decided to order the Korean troops to join the Japanese in the field. The port of Wiju was opened to foreign trade last night. The limitations to be placed on trade and other incidental matters will be placed later. This action necessitates a harbor and Yongsampho has been decided on.

KOREAN ARMY.
The Statesman Year Book for 1903 gives the following details of the Korean army: The standing army now consists of about 17,000 men with European methods. In 1896 it was taken in hand by a Russian colonel with three commanders and non-commissioned officers, who retired, however, in 1898. A royal body guard of 1,000 men was formally a draft of well-trained men is transferred from it to the other regiments of the standing army. A police force of about 2,000 men has also been formed and is under the police department.

the mouth of the harbor, acting as a guardship so as to prevent a torpedo attack. The remainder of the Russian squadron is inside. The idea that the Japanese contemplate a bombardment of Port Arthur, involving exposing their ships to a plunging fire from the guns on Golden Hill, is considered by the military experts here to be absurd.

KUROPATKIN PREPARES.
Like a knight of olden times before going to battle, General Kuropatkin today performed the most solemn rites of the mother church. After fasting this week, he went to the church in the Cadet Corps Academy, where he was educated, made his confession and partook of the sacrament. A touching ceremony followed. The officiating priest, holding up the sacred image of St. Sergius, which has just arrived in Moscow, blessed the commander and bid him Godspeed. The general was shaken with emotion and embraced many of his assembled comrades. The metropolitan of Moscow, who accompanied the lion of St. Sergius to this city, has received a letter from the Czar recalling the overthrow of the Tartar yoke under its auspices, and expressing the hope that the Russian army will also lead the Russians to victory over the Japanese.

Artillerymen In session

Annual Meeting of the Dominion Association at Ottawa Yesterday.

Lord Dundonald Compliments the Militia and Advises Careful Preparation.

Mr. Belcourt M. P. For Ottawa Gets the Vacant Speaker-ship.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The Dominion Artillerymen held a successful meeting here today.

Lord Minto complimented the artillery. He said that then told by Lord Roberts in London that the Canadian artillery was very efficient in South Africa. Continuing, Lord Dundonald said that last year he had called attention to certain things that should be done. Within the last two days certain things had been done that gave Canada a citizen army on paper. He traveled the country from one end of it to the other and he found Canadians willing to serve. There were three ways for an army to be formed: Conscription, a paid army or a citizen army, which latter Canada had adopted. His opinion was in favor of a citizen army. The object was to get money. He believed when parliament met 100,000 men which the army of Canada represented on paper, would be made a fact, and due appropriations made for it. He endeavored to get Mr. McNaghton's book of instructions and endorsed it, and believed no caretaker should be appointed who was not an old soldier. Lord Dundonald said that recently Canada had an object lesson of a country being prepared for war and the country that wanted two or three weeks to be ready. He advised Canada being ready for emergency.

The officers elected were: President, Colonel King, St. Catharines secretary, Lieut. Pooley, Ottawa; treasurer, Colonel Hardman.

Mr. Belcourt, member for Ottawa, has accepted the Speakership of the Commons. It is definitely settled that E. J. Chambers, a Montreal newspaperman, gets the position of Blackrod.

The board of managers of the St. Louis exposition sent an invitation through the Governor-General for the women of Canada to send a representative to the department of science and art.

Mr. Courtney, deputy finance minister, has gone to England to float a twenty million dollar loan to meet the 4 per cent. falling due April or May.

Alexieff Makes Official Report

Telegram to Czar Describes the Japanese Attack Last Thursday.

General Pflug Also Gives an Account of the Night Attack.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—2 a. m.—A copy of a telegram from the Viceroy of the Far East, Admiral General Adjutant Alexieff to His Majesty the Emperor has just been given out. It is dated February 25th. The place whence it is sent is not stated, but it is supposed to be Mukden. The message is as follows:

"A squadron of the enemy's vessels numbering 11, approached the fortress at about 11 o'clock this morning and opened a bombardment on the cruisers Askold, Bayan and Novika, which were in the outer harbor, and also on the fortress. The firing lasted for half an hour. Then our cruisers went into our harbor. The enemy fired for several minutes on one of our batteries and began to leave. They stopped within sight of the fort but out of range of fire. At this time four of the enemy's cruisers detached themselves from the squadron and proceeded to Pigeon bay where they quickly opened fire on our torpedo boats that were cruising there. They directed all cannonade against the shore. The commandant consequently sent troops to Pigeon bay. The firing there lasted for thirty minutes, but no landing was made. The Japanese cruisers then departed. Several measures have been taken to oppose a possible effort upon the part of the enemy to recapture the sea. Our losses this day were but one man wounded at the battery.

I respectfully report the above to your imperial majesty.

(Signed) "ALEXIEFF."

London, Feb. 26.—A despatch from a news agency from St. Petersburg says the official report of Major-General Pflug, chief of staff of Viceroy Alexieff on the details of Port Arthur during the morning of February 25th is as follows:

"The enemy's fleet of sixteen warships approached from the Dalny side towards the harbor of Port Arthur shortly after midnight of the 25th inst., and at once opened fire upon our cruisers standing outside the harbor, namely the Askold, Bayan and Novika, and also against the land forts, the bombardment lasting half an hour. At the conclusion the cruisers retired into the harbor. The enemy then advanced our land and sea, for some minutes. Then the enemy also retreated, remaining out of the range of our guns.

"In the meanwhile, four Japanese cruisers separated from the enemy's main squadron and went into Pigeon bay, opening a heavy fire upon one of our torpedo-boats stationed in the bay and also upon the coast batteries. Consequently the commander of the fort sent troops to this point. No landing took place. The bombardment there lasted twenty-two minutes at the expiration of which time the Japanese cruiser retired. The loss on our side this day was one man wounded of the land batteries. The officer commanding Vladivostok reports that on February 24th early in the morning, ten of the enemy's ships were seen south of the island. They disappeared on the horizon in the evening.

(Note.—The following despatch referring to the above has since been received:)

"An effort is being made to straighten out the discrepancy between the engagement of February 25th as reported to have occurred by Major-General Pflug and that reported by Viceroy Alexieff. (Signed) the Associated Press."

Kingston, Ont., _____, accepted.

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THE NEWFOUNDLAND SHORE QUESTION.

The Newfoundland Government has asked the Legislature, which met on Thursday, to sanction the renewal of the *modus vivendi* in relation to the French shore question. It announced in the Governor's speech that the negotiations now going on between the Imperial and French Governments would probably be brought to a successful conclusion before the end of another year, and thereby avoid the necessity of any further extension of the present temporary arrangement. It is to be hoped, in the interests of the Colony, that this expectation will be realized. The occupation of the shore by the French fishermen has caused annoyance and inconvenience to the people of Newfoundland far more than the advantage which the former gain by their insistence on the construction that they put on the Treaty under which they claim their rights to such occupation. Year by year the cod fishery on the French shore is dwindling, and this year was probably the worst known as regards the smallness of the catch. This was no doubt partly the result of the operation of the Bait Law passed a short time ago by the Newfoundland Legislature, making it difficult for the French fishermen to obtain bait.

The matter would probably have been adjusted long ago had a settlement depended only on the material advantage which the occupation of the shore gave to the French fishermen. But in France there is a sentimental side to the question. The Newfoundland fisheries have been regarded as a splendid nursery for seamen and a good recruiting place for sailors for the French Navy. The French Government gives a bounty on all the fish caught by the French on the Newfoundland shore imported into France. Even with this aid the fishery, in consequence of the poor catch, has proved unprofitable to those engaged in it, and would probably have been abandoned but for the reason mentioned. This jealousy on the part of the people of France as to parting with the rights they claim to have on the shore, has so far prevented the Imperial Government from succeeding in its efforts to get the French Government to surrender its claims in consideration of some equivalent elsewhere. The improved relations between the two countries now, however, promise to give a better result to the negotiations, and it is to be hoped that the anticipations that it will not be necessary again to renew the *modus vivendi* after this year will be realized.

The subject has an interest to the people of the Dominion beyond that which they naturally have in anything that concerns the welfare of the people of another colony situated so close to our shores. This vexed question of the French shore has always been an obstacle in any negotiations with Newfoundland for her entrance into the Confederation. No Dominion Government was desirous of having such a question placed on it, and this has undoubtedly had an effect as regards the liberality of the terms that Canada was willing to concede to Newfoundland as the basis of her admission into the Dominion. Then again, anything that interfered with the prosperity of Newfoundland would, of course, be prejudicial equally to her progress as a Province of the Dominion. But were that question disposed of, the way for a renewal of the negotiations between Ottawa and St. John's would be cleared of one serious obstacle. There can be no doubt that such a union would be to the advantage of both sides, and for this, among other reasons, the result of the negotiations now proceeding between the Governments of Great Britain and France will be awaited with much interest in Canada as well as in Newfoundland.

CHINESE IN THE TRANSVAAL.

The discussion on the proposal to import Chinese to work in the mines in the Transvaal still continues and, indeed, is becoming more vigorous. The protest made by the Premiers of Australia and New Zealand with a view to getting the Imperial Government to veto the decision of the Transvaal Council in favor of Chinese immigration, has caused some angry comments by outsiders in the Colony's domestic affairs. There has recently sprung up opposition from another quarter and based on another objection than that which has been regarded as the strongest argument against Chinese immigration. It has been opposed because of the injurious effect such immigration was likely to have on white labor and as degrading the standard of living throughout the community. But the knowledge that the mines cannot be operated to the extent desired without securing cheap labor for work which white men do not care to do, and the further knowledge that there are not natives enough to supply the need, have induced many people in the Colony to submit to Chinese immigration as the only alternative. But now the objection is raised that to bring in Chinese

on the terms proposed would be to establish something that would be slavery in everything but the name. The Chinese are to be bound to work for one employer during their term. They cannot engage in any other work or occupation. They would not have the protection against unfair treatment that would be afforded by having the right to seek other employers or employment. It is, of course, proposed to have Government inspection and supervision over the immigrants and such control as will secure the terms agreed on being carried out by the employers. But it is held that even the most thorough supervision could not be certain to secure proper treatment or the prevention of a system bordering on a condition of slavery. Whether this new form of opposition will be effective in causing the scheme of Chinese immigration to be abandoned remains to be seen, but it appears to be having great weight in some quarters.

GREAT BRITAIN'S NAVY.

The Navy Estimates that were introduced in the Imperial House of Commons on Wednesday require the enormous sum of \$184,447,500, a net increase of \$12,100,000 over the Estimates for the present year. More than half the increase is due to the decision of the Government to pay the entire balance due for the purchase recently made of the two Chilean battleships and to provide an extra stock of ammunition for next year's requirements. The balance of the increased Estimates is occasioned by the enlargement of the fleet and the additional sum required for the pay of more men and materials. The large sum of \$58,270,830 is provided for the cost of vessels building, of which \$2,210,415 will be devoted to the commencement of new ships arranged for in the Admiralty's latest programme. This will include nine submarine vessels. During the year the construction will be begun of two battleships, four armored cruisers, ten submarine vessels and fourteen torpedo boat destroyers.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, in submitting the Estimates, recognized the enormous amount that Parliament is asked to grant, but he said that the country must remember the tremendous responsibility resting on the Board of Admiralty in providing the country with a Navy strong enough to sustain a struggle with the navies of the two greatest Powers and to ensure reasonable security for the country's commerce and the food supply of the nation. It is, indeed, a heavy burden that the exigencies of Great Britain's position and the bloated armaments of other countries has laid on the British taxpayers. There is no doubt the Estimates will be approved by Parliament, because the nation believes that it gets value for the money spent on the Navy, although it apparently does not take a similar view of the expenditure on the Army. Indeed, the Nation's existence depends on Great Britain's sea power and the situation over the world today is so critical that it is impossible to foresee what international complications may arise, or in what quarter a storm may spring up. In the present situation it is, however, a source of satisfaction to be assured, on the highest authority, that Great Britain was never so strong before at sea as she is now, and that both Parliament and people are determined that no parsimony shall prevent her remaining supreme.

PRESS COMMENT.

One of the profoundest observers that we have in public life in this country said recently: "I cannot understand the indifference of the American industrial and commercial world to the extraordinary upheaval that is in progress in England. If Chamberlain succeeds in his agitation, we shall have the free trade system, and gets a tariff wall erected around the British Empire, it will be a greater calamity to the United States than a civil war. It will affect \$200,000,000 worth of our trade, annihilating a large part of it. Probably the chief reason of American indifference is due to a belief, based upon no tangible or clearly defined grounds, that Chamberlain is not serious for a considerable period, if he does at all."—N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

When Russia indignantly asks Japan whether Russia's word is not as good as Russia's bond, Japan has every reason for answering, in her mild Oriental way, that upon the whole, if Russia does not mind, she would prefer the bond.—N. Y. Times.

To enforce universal conditions of sanitary life in the case of a huge population, leaving as the only alternative prison or the streets seems hardly possible; but the support of such a system, it is not easy to see how a healthy and decently behaved people can be obtained or how matters can be prevented from going from bad to worse.—Lancet.

According to Mr. Winston Churchill it is only what comes into an island—does not consider the Empire—that makes it rich, and that the Empire comes the greater demand for British labor and the opportunity for British employment. If this were even remotely true, the great increase in foreign manufacturing and the corresponding increase in the exports of our manufactures abroad. Unfortunately, exactly the reverse is the case, and the Empire may sell to us, but he has excellent reasons for not wishing us to sell to him. The fact is that Mr. Winston Churchill and his fellow-importers entirely ignore the possibility that more than one producer and more than one country may want to turn out the same article, and that the dominant feature in the industrial world is still competition. Success in that competition is impossible so long as we give the foreigner the free run of our market while he excludes us even more stringently from his.—London Times.

At present, at least, the great effort of Russia to spread eastwards has added nothing to her strength, but much to her profitless expenditure; and there are great military experts who believe that if she wins the prospective conflict, and seats herself on the North Pacific, the first consequence will be increased weakness, because she will, like Germany, have to defend herself on two frontiers at once, and will have roused as a permanent factor in the way of her progress the jealousy of the United States.—London Spectator.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

It is pleasing to see that the same spirit which has led to the placing on the market of a number of the large estates in the vicinity of Kelowna, is having some effect in this part of the Province. The property of C. O'Keefe between Vernon and Okanagan Landing is now for sale in blocks to suit purchasers. This property for many reasons is very desirable, comprising beautiful frontage land, with a fair sized stream of good water running through the bottom land; and, being within a few miles of Vernon, it should prove valuable both for mixed farming and for orchard use, and there is no doubt that it will be speedily disposed of.—Vernon News.

While the Fish Creek has, since 1899, been heralded far and wide as a free milling gold camp, and there are two substantial producing mines in this class, viz: the Oyster-Criterion, owned by the Great Nor-

thern Mines, Limited, and the Eva; the property of the Catmet and British Columbia Mining Company, turning out gold, which, with a number of other prominent claims in the primary stage of development, the galena resources of the camp have been passed over. The Fish Creek camp has without doubt, some of the richest silver lead veins in the Laramie district.—Revelstoke Herald.

Action was commenced in this Supreme Court yesterday by Edwin Durant against the Giant Mining Company, for an order to wind up the company under the provisions of the Winding Up Act, for the appointment of Francis W. Rolt, as provisional liquidator and such other orders as may appear just in the circumstances. The action is a sequel to the suit instituted some months ago by Mr. Durant to recover unpaid salary due him by the company, and by the South African Ventures syndicate, which resulted in the appointment of A. B. Mackenzie as receiver. Macdonald & Winn are acting for the plaintiff Durant in the action just instituted.—Rossland Miner.

As was stated briefly in these columns last week, the visit to the Slocan of Messrs. C. Fernau of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Oscar Legebeke, of Brussels, means much to the Slocan. Both are mining men of great financial backing and they come here bent on doing business. They have in view three schemes, which they hope to bring to practical working in a very few months. The first of these is to be carried out by the Monitor and Ajax Company, and consists of the erection of a zinc enriching plant at some point near the head of Slocan lake. The object of this plant will be to take the ordinary Slocan zinc concentrates, which can be turned out at all of the Slocan mills, and enrich them by magnetic process to a percentage that will stand exportation, or treatment at British Columbia reduction works. It is estimated that the mills of the Slocan will turn out zinc concentrates in the neighborhood of 40 per cent. In the zinc enriching mill, these will be enriched to 55 per cent and upwards and thus render them marketable.—New Denver Ledger.

Last Wednesday Sandy Munro and his son, aged 15, little dreamt of the trouble that was in store for them as they merrily rode along in their sleigh toward the ranch of James A. Coulthard. On arrival there both alighted from the sleigh and while Mr. M. made preparations for entering the house, the boy proceeded him inside. Whilst the father was at the door of lifting a box of apples out of the sleigh, the youth appeared at the door with a gun in his hand, which he had found standing in a corner of the dwelling. The contents of the fact that the rifle was loaded with small shot, he said, "Papa, I'm going to pull the trigger," and without further warning Munro received the contents in his arm, being to the fact that Mr. Munro at that moment was in the act of lifting the box. His left arm was in such a position as to completely cover the heart, otherwise the bullets which struck the arm about two inches above the elbow, would certainly have lodged in such a vital spot, that death would have been instantaneous.—Chilliwack Progress.

THE JAP.

Who was it laid upon Manchuria a greedy hand? It was the Russ.

But one thing he neglected to correctly count upon. To wit: a little brown-skinned gentleman of old Nippon; You'll spot him if a cartograph of Asia you'll consult.

A curious cuss! Who was it jumped a thousand years in fifty, or more or less? It was the Jap.

Leaped at a bound into the forefront of the cosmic present? It was the Jap.

But one or two things he retains from those old, ancient days: He's still polite and quiet and considerate in his ways.

Still likes to take offence and somewhat indisposed to fray— A courteous chap! A shock in the Port Arthur fleet—a shock and then a gap.

And half a dozen Russian ships were blotted from the map! They thought it was seismic in its origin, my friend.

But no—the Jap It was. The Jap Has several little jokes on tap In Asia.

—New York Sun.

MEN AND THINGS.

A curious effect of light is seen in the fact that fish which live in deep waters, where the light does not penetrate, are usually dull in color, while those living in shallow water, to which the sunlight has free access, are bright of hue.

One of the most durable woods is sycamore. A statue made from it, now in the museum of Ghaz, at Cairo, is known to be nearly 6,000 years old. Notwithstanding this great age, it is asserted that the wood itself is entirely sound and natural in appearance.

The Kursk-Zerkoff railroad of Russia, designed and furnished with the very latest luxuries. A famous engineer and architect were called in to plan it. The decorations are in the best Parisian style, and polite female attendants look after the comforts of the happy couple. None but the newlyweds are allowed to use this magnificent car, which, by a stroke of ingenuity, is built to accommodate alike the very wealthy and those with a modest purse. The partitions are removable and the car can be used as a series of small compartments or as a couple of roomy saloons.

Rudyard Kipling was 38 years old on Monday, the last day of last December. The London Chronicle remarks that he "is perhaps the only living poet of ours who can claim royalties that are really local. Publishers did not find much margin for themselves when they gave Kipling £4,000 a year for all his copyrights, but a single book like "The Seven Seas" yields its author, according to popular report, even richer treasure trove."

There are four generations of female musicians in one Cleveland family, ranging from great grandmother down. The youngest member is that of a year old already is a prodigy at the piano, the three others being teachers. The names of the unique four are Mrs. A. E. Baker, who is in her 71st year; her daughter, Mrs. Alice Webster Baker, her granddaughter, Mrs. Nellie Webster Tate, wife of William Tate, and her great granddaughter, Dorothy Tate.

RISIBILITIES.

Conjurer (pointing to his cabinet)—Ladies and gentlemen, I now call your attention to the great illusion of the evening. I will now enter the cabinet and, without opening the door, I will have disappeared, leaving no trace.

Husband to his wife, Matilda, my love, do oblige the gentleman and walk up.—London Tit-Bits.

Mrs. Nurlith—I want to get a pair of swan white gloves to wear to a ball. Clerk—Yes'm. How long do you want them?

Mrs. Nurlith—See here, young man, I ain't talkin' about rentin' 'em, I want to buy 'em.—Philadelphia Press.

Boy—Papa, the teacher wants all the scholars to write a composition about "executive ability." Millionaire Father—Executive ability, my son, is the faculty of increasing wealth through the "sweet of."

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AN UGLY PRECEDENT.

The protests again Japan's commencement of hostilities before declaring war do not sound convincing. Russia herself set a bad precedent by the "massacre of Singapore" her declaration of the Turkish desert of its guard, prior to the formal beginning of hostilities, and destroyed it. The formal declaration of war is of interest chiefly to neutrals. Japan's act in breaking out negotiations and reserving liberty of action was all that was necessary from the standpoint of international law.—Toronto Star.

GERMANS AND WATERLOO.

Vivid Narrative Which Proves That British Were Really the Victors.

Taking as his text the recent reference of the Kaiser to the battle of Waterloo, Sir Rowland Blenheim-Hassett contributes to the February number of the Nineteenth Century an article dealing with the story of the fight and with the broader question of Anglo-German relations. Referring to the march of the Germans to the support of Wellington in fulfillment of the arrangement made on the eve of the battle he says: "The action of Blucher was daring in the extreme; and if Wellington had not stood his ground at Waterloo the consequences would have been fatal to the Prussian army. It is untrue to say the Prussians saved the English army from destruction. It is nothing but the most sober truth to affirm that the steadfastness of the British infantry in resisting the attacks of Napoleon saved the Prussian army from annihilation."

Knowing this danger Blucher sent forward his officers, about half past three in the afternoon, to observe the situation of the British army. One of these was Blucher's adjutant, Count Nostitz, and the other was Col. v. Pfuel, of the General staff. On his return Gneisenau asked Nostitz what he thought of the situation. Nostitz gave it as his opinion that Napoleon would endeavor to keep the English in check, and turn his forces upon the Prussians with a view of securing his retreat. Evidently Count Nostitz did not think that the English army was on the brink of destruction.

Later in the day the 52nd regiment played its splendid part in the defeat of the attack of the French guard, routing one of its columns and fighting its way across the field till it came in sight of some other battalions of the guard halted near the Charrier-road. Wellington himself, having stopped the fire of a Russian battery which would have impeded the operation, hurried this fine regiment against the foe.

"These battalions of the French guard were routed in the same splendid fashion with which the 52nd had overthrown the former battalions. It was then watching the attack of the 52nd on his guards that Napoleon, seeing the day was lost, turned to Count Fabianitz and said: 'It is the old story since Creely.' My authority for this statement is the late Lord Action, who heard it from Count Fabianitz himself."

Sir Rowland comes to the conclusion that "Lamarine has summed up in a single sentence the real truth about Waterloo. 'The victory,' he says, 'was won by Wellington; the complete rout which followed was the work of Blucher.'"

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A Court of Revision and Appeal, under the provisions of the "Assessment Act, 1903," will be held for the Salt Spring Island Assessment District, at St. Charles Hotel, Salt Spring Island, on the 29th day of March, 1904, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

E. HARRISON.
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.
Nanaimo, B. C., 22nd February, 1904.

Most housekeepers are thinking about the semi-annual clean-up, when things get put into good shape after a few days of toasty-turkey, furniture recovered, perhaps a pair of curtains here, a new rug there, a bit of linoleum in another place and so on. Before mapping out their plan of campaign they should look over Messrs. Weller Bros.' great establishment and see the latest in everything pertaining to the beautifying of the home. Their large experience is at the service of anyone who wish to avail themselves of it, and for profusion of choice in all sections they stand at the head of Western Furnishing houses.

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Hebrew Ladies' Social.—The Hebrew Ladies are giving a fancy dress party on Tuesday evening next. Good music by Mrs. Davis; fancy dress not compulsory.

Hunt Club Run.—The regular run of the Victoria Hunt Club will be held this afternoon from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock, at the residence of Dr. Powell, Burdette avenue. The run will be over Oak Bay country.

Grand Recital.—A grand recital will be given at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening next, at which an excellent programme has been arranged. Particulars will be given out later.

Westberg-Johnston.—At the residence of Rev. W. Leslie Clay on Thursday Rev. E. G. Taylor, of Alberni, celebrated the marriage of Mr. Alfred Westberg and Alice Winnifred Johnston, both of Seattle.

Must Have Clean Streets.—A batch of summonses were yesterday issued against offenders against the provisions of the by-law prohibiting the accumulation of rubbish on streets and vacant lots. The police intend rigidly enforcing the by-law.

Cold in North.—Arrivals from Skagway and other Alaskan points, say the cold weather which has been prevailing the past couple of weeks has broken all records for severity. Accompanying the extreme fall in temperature was a bitter wind, which made outdoor life almost impossible.

Purchased Property.—An interesting real estate transfer has just been consummated by Messrs. Grant & Conyers, Dr. S. G. Clemence has disposed of his handsome residence on Richmond avenue to Mr. Hall, of this city, who has also acquired the adjoining lot from Mrs. J. W. Moore. Dr. Clemence contemplates in the immediate future erecting a handsome dwelling on Linden avenue, where he will reside.

A Juvenile Patriot.—Mr. Ishii, a Japanese resident of this city, has translated from the vernacular papers of Japan a letter from a loyal little son of the Mikado's realm, which indicates the extreme patriotism of the people. He contributes 25 yen to the war fund, sending the same to the finance minister with an expression of regret that he is not old enough to fight. His age is nine years.

Home Missions.—The following claims were presented to the Presbyterian Home Mission committee of British Columbia at the annual meeting in Vancouver: Victoria, \$761; Westminster, \$1,200.40; Kootenay, \$1,541; Kamloops, \$2,218; Edmonton, \$4,161.50; Calgary, \$3,163. The missionaries in the Yukon are Rev. J. Pringle, who works on the Klondike, and the men on the creeks; Rev. G. Pringle, at Hunker and Gold Bottom and adjacent creeks; Rev. J. J. Wright, White Horse, and Rev. E. Turkington, Atlin.

White Horse Copper.—The White Horse Star states that the Taseco Company has authorized Mr. Brewer, their representative, to advance money on any copper ore in the district to a certain percentage of its value, as ascertained from a sample taken by himself and assayed by the government assayer. This will avoid any long delay in receiving returns and should enable many of the owners of mineral claims to work and ship ore, provided a solution of the haulage question from the mines to the railway is guaranteed.

Successful Social.—The orange tea and concert held at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt, was an unqualified success. The ladies displayed great ingenuity in the variety of ways in which the fund-raising was carried out. The evening had been utilized, nothing was wasted, the feelings being saved and used for decorative purposes. Supper was enjoyed by a large crowd, after which a programme arranged by three ladies of the home was given. The ladies' committee wish to thank Mowat & Wallace and the Windsor Grocery for donations.

The Ore Specimen.—Harry Smith of Duncan, who has been in the city for some time, has brought down one of the prettiest specimens of ore ever received in the city. The specimen was taken from the Rich and Hill, and removed to Duncan by Manager Dickie. It is from the 500-foot level, and is a fine specimen of magnetite. The specimen is six feet in length and has weighed to six feet. It is more highly mineralized than the specimen assayed by Mr. Carmichael a few days ago, which went \$265 to the ton. The provincial assayer is making an assay of the new specimen this afternoon.

Nursery Stock.—The Board of Horticulture is sending out the following in the shape of a circular letter: "Whereas it is expedient and necessary to have a list of the names of the nursery stock to be removed. Be it therefore resolved, that all persons and firms engaged in the sale and distribution of nursery stock, trees and plants in this city, be furnished with copies of said act and notified by circular letter that the provisions of said act will be strictly enforced and that said parties be requested to govern themselves accordingly; that applications for license and bond be filed with the secretary of the Board of Horticulture without delay."

Presentation to Officer.—The members of No. 1 Company, Fifth Regiment, gun team have presented Sergt. Major Mulcahy with a handsome token of appreciation for his assistance in preparing them for the gun drill competition which took place in connection with the P. & D. Day entertainment. It was through his training that the team was able to defeat their opponents. An address was also read. Sergt. Major Mulcahy returned thanks in a few well chosen words. The work had been a pleasure, and their success was due to the cooperation of the team and the assistance of the officers. He appreciated the presentation of the token and the expression of esteem contained in the address.

Cornell Business.—The notices of motion by Ald. Grahame, brief mention of which was made yesterday, are of special interest. At Monday evening's meeting of the council he intends to ask leave to introduce a by-law amending the Streets by-law. This is to prevent boys under 12 years of age from selling newspapers on the street. He will also ask leave to introduce a by-law amending the Health by-law. This relates to the conveyance of garbage through the streets by scavengers. He will also seek to introduce a new milk by-law, repealing the old one. The proposed ordinance, it is understood, will follow the line recommended by Dr. Tolin in his report to the council some time ago. Among other features it will fix a certain required standard of butter fat.

The New Judge.—The appointment of L. P. Duff, K. C., to the vacant position of Superior Court Judge was officially announced at Ottawa yesterday. The new judge is the younger son of Rev. Charles Duff, of Toronto. He was born at Modford, Ont., on January 7, 1865. He received his early education in the public schools of Ontario and at St. Mary's school. Later he entered Toronto University, and before he was 20 years of age had graduated in arts from that institution. Following this Mr. Duff took a B.L.B. course in Queen's University. With a brilliant university course to his credit he entered upon the study of law, graduating from Osgood Hall. In 1894 Mr. Duff came to Victoria and entered upon the practice of his profession. One of the members of the firm of Duff & Hunter, which afterwards became the firm of Hunter, Duff & Oliver. In 1897 he became a law partner of E. V. Redwell. In 1898 he married Miss Elizabeth Bird, of Barrie, Ont. Mr. Duff is a popular figure in this city as her brilliant husband.

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GENERAL AGENTS

The Packing Outlook.—In answer to enquiries made at the offices of the B. C. Packers' Association regarding the outlook of the salmon industry, it was stated that this was not at all unfavorable, although some of the canneries would not be operated next summer. The plans of other canneries, which will be operated, have been much increased and consequently the output is curtailed. It is stated that it is not likely any change will be made in the close season, but changes will likely occur in depth and mesh of the nets.

Chinese Reforms.—The Chinese Empire Reform Association is to hold its annual convention on March 16th, in Vancouver. Many important questions will then be discussed by representative Chinamen from all over Canada. The election of officers also takes place simultaneously on that day in all the cities of Canada. The officers to be elected will be president and vice president. On this occasion there will be some twelve nominees for the two offices, and the contest will be keen. It is considered amongst the Chinese to be a great honor to become a presiding officer of the Empire Association.

Oldest Methodist Dead.—Methodists resident in Victoria will be interested in learning that the oldest expounder of that doctrine in the world has just passed away. A press despatch from Baltimore says: "James Warlen, aged 102, died at his home in Baltimore, Md., on Saturday, Feb. 26. He was the oldest expounder of Methodism in the world, is dead in the Baltimore country almshouse. He was born in England and was licensed to preach in 1821. He spent most of his life in Baltimore, and even after he had been in the almshouse for several years he continued to work, he said, through the treachery of a friend. He was compelled to seek refuge in the county institution, where he died."

New Pilotage District.—A communication has been received in this city from Ottawa, defining the boundaries of the Westminster pilotage district which was created some time ago. The New Westminster district will embrace all waters north of the international boundary line, east of midchannel of the Gulf of Georgia and south of the north boundary of the district of New Westminster. The Vancouver district will comprise the remaining waters in the district, formerly known as the Westminster and Yale district. The commissioners of the New Westminster district are Messrs. J. H. G. Macdonald, Joseph C. Macdonald, and Walter Ruthven Gilley.

Re Building Permits.—The suggestion advanced by Ald. Vincent that in the future the council shall pass upon all applications for building permits, is very interesting. It is suggested that the council should refuse a permit if satisfied that the architectural symmetry of a street will be destroyed by the suggested building. A notable case in point where the proposed new rule would have been applied was the erection of a small brick building on the lot opposite the postoffice at the north end of James bay bridge. The matter will be debated at Monday evening's meeting of the council.

An Island Industry.—In view of the movement on foot to hold a big "Made in Canada" fair in May next, anything pertaining to island industries is of especial interest at this time. To the casual visitor the Nanaimo factory, situated on the Nanaimo peninsula, is an extremely busy and prosperous looking institution. Heavy orders have been received from the Mainland for loggers' heavy shoes, the line in which the factory excels. The factory is equipped with modern machinery in durability and suitability for the particular service expected. There is a variety of machines in the factory, but for certain work the human hand is still better than any machine. The factory is located on a hill overlooking the water, and is reached by a short walk, and night after night the blazing lights indicate that the factory is working overtime to catch up with the orders on the file.

Outlook for Northern Trade.—Capt. J. W. Trap, superintendent of the C. P. R. coasting service, does not expect such a great amount of northern provincial trade this summer as many people predict. He points out that the season is expected to be a poor one as far as salmon are concerned, a number of the northern canneries will not be operated, and such being the case there will necessarily be a marked falling off in the amount of canned salmon. Again, it is hardly likely that the railroad boom will break out this summer. As far as the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is concerned, its operations on this coast will likely be confined to the department of surveying and scouting parties more thoroughly look over the ground likely to be traversed by the railway. No actual construction work from the Pacific terminus is likely to be commenced this year.

Pure-blooded Stock.—The deputy minister of agriculture states that public sales of Shorthorn and Hereford cattle will be held at Spokane, March 28th; Walla Walla, March 10th, and Pendleton, Oregon, March 12th. The leading and best selection of stock to be sold so far are: A. J. Spahn, of North Yakima; H. W. Peel, Spokane; J. L. Smith, Spokane; W. O. Miner, Heppner, Oregon; Chas. E. Ladd, Portland; E. J. Colman, Portland; and N. G. Goodman, Walla Walla. The first named gentleman has consigned to the sale at Spokane ten Hereford bulls that were sired by Beau Donald 31st, and are 11 and 12 months old. These youngsters are of large, fleshy and blocky, with the big quarters for which the Beau Donalds are noted. Beau Donald 31st cost Mr. Spahn \$1,550 when 10 months old. This is a fine opportunity for principal breeders to supply themselves with pure-bred acclimatized animals.

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Lecture on "West Indies."—On Wednesday next at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt, a lantern entertainment will be given under the auspices of a committee of ladies. Rev. R. Newton Powell, of Vancouver, will deliver a lecture on the "West Indies," and his remarks will be illustrated by a large number of views. All who attend are assured a pleasant evening.

A Categorical Denial.—Aulay Morrison, M. P., interviewed in Vancouver, categorically denies the announcement that the Dominion government has decided to allow fish traps at or near Victoria. The matter will not be decided until the visit of the minister of fisheries. Mr. Morrison added that the rights of the fishermen would be fully protected.

Importing Partridges.—Sportsmen on Vancouver island will be interested in the announcement that forty brace of partridges ordered by the members of the Vancouver Rod and Gun Club and even a few "Palm Springs" have decided some time ago to pay pure-bred partridges and turn them loose on the mainland of British Columbia. A cable has been received in Vancouver that shipment left Liverpool on February 18th by the steamship Bavaria, and should reach Halifax today. The Dominion Express Company has given a special rate to the shipment across the continent, and has instructed its messenger to use extra care in seeing that the birds arrive in Vancouver in the best of condition.

Pat Stock Show.—Island farmers are taking great interest in the fat stock show to be held at New Westminster on March 5th. There is nothing on the official programme for Tuesday evening, the first day of the show, and it is proposed to hold a stockmen's banquet on that occasion, but it has not been definitely decided yet. The judges for the show will be the Professors W. J. Black, B. S. A. and J. C. Woodrow of Vancouver. Lectures will be given by Mr. J. H. Grisdale, Dominion agriculturalist of Ottawa, as well as by the several judges. All arrangements for the show have been practically completed and everything is in readiness for the exhibitors.

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Delegates Visit Island Mines

The Excursion Provided By Mr. James Dunsmuir Yesterday Proved Successful.

Mining Men From Up Country Inspect the Mines at Mt. Sicker.

Yesterday morning, one of the most important excursions left the city which has come up the E. & N. railway for some time. The train, a special, was provided by Mr. James Dunsmuir, the president of the road, for the benefit of the delegates attending the convention of the British Columbia Mining Association, recently in session here, in order to enable them to see the splendid mining properties existing and being worked on Mount Sicker.

The majority of the up-country delegates had never before had the privilege of seeing any of the island metallic mines and what they saw surpassed the expectations of the most sanguine. These visitors, to a man, came away greatly impressed with the magnificent prospects before the three valuable properties visited, viz., the Lenora, the Tye and the Richard III., and all brought away samples of the ore which they are taking away with them to treasure as souvenirs of one of the most delightful outings they claim.

The train left the E. & N. station promptly on time, 8:00 a. m., and at 10:15 quitted up at Mount Sicker siding, where, by the courtesy of Messrs. Bellinger and Breen two trains were ready on the narrow gauge, one for Crofton where some of the delegates went, including President Keen, and another for Mount Sicker.

Among the passengers were Hon. Senator Templeman, R. Hall, M. P., Hon. D. W. Higgins, Hon. Edgar Dewdney, Aldermen Beckwith and Thornton, Mr. Davis, Ker, Mr. Chief Watson and Secretary Cuthbert of the Tourist Association, who fathered the party and with Mr. Machin, president of the local branch acted as hosts of the day.

The run up the steep narrow gauge line to Mount Sicker was particularly agreeable, owing to the heavy rain and higher up equally heavy snowfall. Mount Sicker was reached at 10:45 and considerable merriment caused during the climb up the steep Indian trails through four feet of snow from the terrace.

minus of the line to the shaft house of the Tye mine. Many were the falls and the foremost of the party amused themselves with snowballing the stragglers. It speaks volumes for the older members of the party that all reached the desired haven, the hotel, safe and sound, though in many cases in a "blown" condition.

Immediately on arrival Manager Tregear of the Lenora took the party in charge and after going through the lower level of the mine where the last splendid strike was visited, the upper level was inspected and lots of fun and mud experienced in climbing the 150 foot upraise. To his lasting credit it is here recorded that Mr. James Moore, the pioneer placer miner of New Caledonia, later British Columbia, climbed the slippery ladders and came out as fresh (and as dirty) as the youngest and most athletic of the party. Alderman Thornton Fell was one of those who visited the Lenora and came nearly being lost, being sandwiched, so to speak, between the foremost party including the upraise climbers and the hindmost party or the more sensible who declined to make the ascension. However, Mr. Fell wisely seeing daylight went to the hotel. Lunch, and a splendid meal it was and done justice to by all, was served at 12:45, and great credit is due Mr. Pearce for serving such an appetizing repast.

After lunch a few went to the Tye and Richard III. mine, but the large majority of the delegates went to the Tye and with Mr. Musgrave, the engineer, and Mr. Tregear went through the 100 foot level and after thoroughly inspecting this magnificent property which one gentleman, an eminent mine manager and who knew what he was talking about, said was the best timbered and most scientifically developed mine he had ever visited, eventually reached the shaft at the 200 foot level and after a clean-up caught the return train on the narrow gauge at 3:45, Victoria was reached at 6:15.

The quality of the ore and the immense width of the ore body in places, the clearly defined hanging wall and the ease with which the ore bodies are drilled, was a revelation, especially to the Rosslanders, who have to work so much harder rock. During conversations held between Mr. Musgrave and the many Rosslanders present, it appeared that, for the same output, twice the amount of ore can be handled here as is the case in other mines, or in other words, it can be mined for less than half the usual cost, as much less powder is needed to blast out the ore. Mr. Musgrave said that the average cost of mining and transporting the ore last year was less than \$2.25 per ton, which is a most eloquent tribute to the management.

From the remarks passed by the practical mining men yesterday respecting this property, it was borne on the minds of the Victorians present that the half about Mount Sicker has never been told, and that Victoria has tributary to her, and right at her very door, one

of the most valuable and one of the most easily worked mines in British Columbia.

When the train arrived in the city, which was at about 6:15, the up-country delegates, who had been in the city since the morning, fast, from Mount Sicker, having been made, the full crowd met in the waiting room of the railway company. When all had assembled, Mr. A. L. Howse, Nicola, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. E. E. Railway Company, coupling with the company the names of James Dunsmuir, president, and Joseph Hunter, traffic superintendent. He said the up-country delegates simply could not express their appreciation of yesterday's excursion. Every delegate was carrying away a sample of the ores of the Mount Sicker mines, and the samples, to say nothing of the knowledge gained by the delegates themselves, would be a greater advertisement for Mr. Dunsmuir and the Vancouver Island mining properties than any amount of newspaper advertising, good as it undoubtedly was. They were now familiar with the mines and could tell the people what they had seen. He hoped they would have a convention and that every one of the up-country delegates would be able to come as they had some mines up-country to show them. Mr. Howse also pointed out that Mr. Dunsmuir, by his courtesy yesterday, had rendered an inestimable service to Victoria.

Mr. A. McMillan, Rossland, seconded the motion, and said he most heartily appreciated Mr. Dunsmuir's courtesy, which had enabled himself and his brother delegates to see the Vancouver Island mines. The excursion meant a new departure, it was a step in the right direction, bringing mining men together. They had, most of them at least, never seen any mining properties on the island. They all came away with them a most favorable impression of the mines viewed.

The motion carried amidst cheers. Hon. Senator Templeman then moved a vote of thanks to the management of the Lenora and Tye mines, whose kindly co-operation had made the inspection of those properties possible for the delegates. He regretted that Victoria's proverbial good weather had zone back on her, but he supposed the Rossland delegates were used to snow and did not mind it. He was very pleased to hear the kindly expressions of appreciation of the mines of the island. The Mining Association extended all over British Columbia, and the visit would have good results.

Mr. Kirby, Rossland, manager of the Great Western and the Centre Star mines, said he took great pleasure in seconding this motion. He had been most interested in seeing such good properties and so well handled. He felt that the Mount Sicker mines were only the beginning of the great mineral resources of the island.

This motion also carried, the delegates giving three cheers and a tiger. Fire Chief Thos. Watson then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Bellinger, of the Crofton smelter, on behalf of those who had gone there and been so ably entertained, and on behalf of those who went to Mount Sicker also, as it was through the courtesy of Messrs. Bellinger & Breen that the party were taken on the narrow gauge from Mount Sicker siding to the mines.

George Sheldon Williams, seconded, and the president tendered to Mr. Bellinger, who was present, the thanks of the delegates. Cheers and singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" followed.

Mr. Duke, Rossland, then proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Machin, and through him to the Victoria branch, and to Mr. Cuthbert, and through him to the Tourist Association and the citizens of Victoria for the most hearty reception tendered the delegates throughout, and particularly the courtesies tendered during the excursion, both of which would never be forgotten.

Mr. Martin, Rossland, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Chabon, on behalf of Vancouver, supported the motion, and said that an example had been set that Vancouver would emulate, and if possible, better, next year at the convention.

Mr. Machin assured the delegates that he, as president of the Victoria branch, most heartily appreciated the kindly sentiments expressed, and only wished he could have done more. Mr. Cuthbert said he was merely carrying out the instructions of the citizens of Victoria, and if the delegates were pleased, he felt his duty had been performed. He felt that Victoria was the home of the association, and assured the delegates that if they could not find another place to go to, to come home, where they would always receive the heartiest of welcome.

The party then left for their respective homes after spending a most profitable and delightful outing.

PERSONALS.

Rev. W. Leslie Clay came down on the Charnier from Vancouver yesterday evening. He has been attending a meeting of the Presbytery at New Westminster.

Dan McMillan, the well-known wrestler, was a passenger from Vancouver by the Charnier yesterday evening.

L. M. Paisley is over from New Westminster.

Members of the Vancouver hockey team came down from Vancouver last evening on the Charnier.

O. H. Cowan returned from Seattle by the Beatrice yesterday.

G. W. Debeck, Indian agent at Alert Bay, is at the Dominion hotel.

Miss Phoebe Percy has left for York, England, where she will complete her education in one of the colleges in that city.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., February, 1904.
(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Date	Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
1	M.	4:10	7.8	8:30	1.1	13:25	9.5	21:10	1.0
2	T.	4:32	8.0	8:40	1.2	13:41	9.7	21:23	1.3
3	W.	4:56	8.2	8:49	1.3	13:58	9.9	21:39	1.9
4	Th.	5:11	8.3	8:56	1.4	14:15	10.1	21:56	2.8
5	F.	5:27	8.4	9:02	1.5	14:32	10.2	22:14	3.7
6	Sa.	5:44	8.5	9:08	1.6	14:49	10.3	22:32	4.6
7	Su.	6:01	8.6	9:14	1.7	15:06	10.4	22:50	5.5
8	M.	6:18	8.7	9:20	1.8	15:23	10.5	23:08	6.4
9	Tu.	6:35	8.8	9:26	1.9	15:40	10.6	23:26	7.3
10	W.	6:52	8.9	9:32	2.0	15:57	10.7	23:44	8.2
11	Th.	7:09	9.0	9:38	2.1	16:14	10.8	24:02	9.1
12	F.	7:26	9.1	9:44	2.2	16:31	10.9	24:20	10.0
13	Sa.	7:43	9.2	9:50	2.3	16:48	11.0	24:38	10.9
14	Su.	8:00	9.3	9:56	2.4	17:05	11.1	24:56	11.8
15	M.	8:17	9.4	10:02	2.5	17:22	11.2	25:14	12.7
16	T.	8:34	9.5	10:08	2.6	17:39	11.3	25:32	13.6
17	W.	8:51	9.6	10:14	2.7	17:56	11.4	25:50	14.5
18	Th.	9:08	9.7	10:20	2.8	18:13	11.5	26:08	15.4
19	F.	9:25	9.8	10:26	2.9	18:30	11.6	26:26	16.3
20	Sa.	9:42	9.9	10:32	3.0	18:47	11.7	26:44	17.2
21	Su.	9:59	10.0	10:38	3.1	19:04	11.8	27:02	18.1
22	M.	10:16	10.1	10:44	3.2	19:21	11.9	27:20	19.0
23	Tu.	10:33	10.2	10:50	3.3	19:38	12.0	27:38	19.9
24	W.	10:50	10.3	10:56	3.4	19:55	12.1	27:56	20.8
25	Th.	11:07	10.4	11:02	3.5	20:12	12.2	28:14	21.7
26	F.	11:24	10.5	11:08	3.6	20:29	12.3	28:32	22.6
27	Sa.	11:41	10.6	11:14	3.7	20:46	12.4	28:50	23.5
28	Su.	11:58	10.7	11:20	3.8	21:03	12.5	29:08	24.4
29	M.	12:15	10.8	11:26	3.9	21:20	12.6	29:26	25.3
30	Tu.	12:32	10.9	11:32	4.0	21:37	12.7	29:44	26.2

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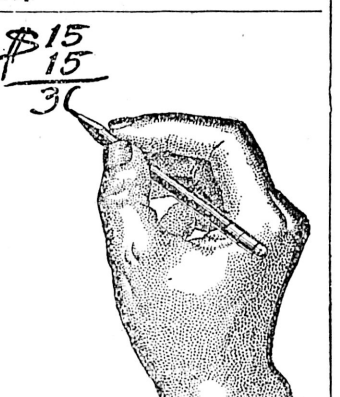
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	1902.	1903.	Increase.
Net Premium Income.....	\$ 1,054,815.72	\$ 1,219,455.91	\$ 164,640.19
Interest, Rents, etc.....	186,074.11	215,852.67	29,778.56
Total Cash Income.....	1,240,889.83	1,435,288.58	194,398.75
Payments to Policyholders.....	316,586.63	366,533.04	49,946.41
Policy Reserves.....	3,753,892.00	4,461,800.00	707,908.00
Total Assets.....	4,406,329.19	5,136,668.52	730,339.33
Applications for New Insurance.....	6,542,336.00	7,764,542.00	1,222,206.00
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Insurance in Force.....	30,152,883.00	34,392,303.00	4,239,420.00

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Year.	Income From Interest Rents, etc.	Net Premium Income.	Total Premium and Interest Income.	Assets.	New Policies Issued.	Assurance in Force December 31st.
1887	\$ 778	\$ 27,184	\$ 27,962	\$ 165,732	\$2,564,500	\$ 2,342,000
1891	13,236	184,106	197,342	431,610	2,111,100	7,413,761
1895	39,245	324,449	363,694	1,012,569	3,017,569	10,645,021
1899	72,018	510,560	582,578	1,809,505	3,579,109	14,868,236
1903	215,853	1,219,455	1,435,288	5,136,668	7,294,050	34,392,303

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, Feb. 26.—Only slight gains were established, and at the higher level the demand had dwindled so that the traders abandoned their efforts to carry on the rise. There was a moderate recovery in the selling pressure, but this did not develop to a noticeable extent until the sagging from lack of demand had already set in. The selling in fact had the appearance of traders' ventures for a fall after they had demonstrated that prices would go up.

New steps were taken in the war of grain rates, both in the West and East, and in the Western field the cutting of rates showed signs of spreading from the field of grain traffic to other classes of freight. There was a renewal of gossip concerning the Northern Securities decision and associated with it unfavorable character. Railroad earnings are made an unfavorable showing both for gross and net, with the exception of a few Southwesterns.

The principal active stocks show losses on the day of about a point and the closing rates were quite steady, but with a fall and featureless. Total sales par value, \$700,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

New York, Feb. 26.—The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange today:

Amalgamated Copper	44½
American Locomotive	22½
American Sugar	125½
American Car & Foundry	19
Atchafalpa Mining Co.	64
Atchafalpa & Santa Fe	64½
Baltimore & Ohio	74½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	113½
Canadian Pacific Railway	113½
Chesapeake & Ohio	29½
St. Paul	139½
Colorado Southern	159½
Colorado Southern pfd.	159½
Consolidated Gas	189½
Corn Products	17½
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western	268
Denver & Rio Grande	189½
Delaware & Hudson	161
General Electric	161
Iowa Central	18
Louisville & Nashville	102
Manhattan Elevated	102
Missouri Pacific	87½
Minn. St. P. & St. M.	58½
Metropolitan Traction	114½
New York Central	118½
Erie Railway pfd.	62½
New York, Ontario & Western	20
Norfolk & Western	50½
Pacific Mail	97½
Pacific Gas	40
Philadelphia & Reading	40
Rock Island	56
Southern Railway	78½
Southern Railway pfd.	78½
Southern Pacific	44½
Texas & Pacific	28½
Twin City	74
United States Steel	74½
United States Steel pfd.	109½
Union Pacific	73½
Washington Railway	33
Wisconsin Central	174
Wisconsin Central pfd.	404
C. P. R. in London	139½
Commercial Cable	139½

New York, Feb. 26.—Rosh, weak; straits, common to good at \$2.75 to \$2.85; molasses, firm; pig iron, easy; copper, firm; lead and tin, easy; spelter, firm; domestic, \$3.05 to \$3.15.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—The following were the closing prices of futures on the Board of Trade today: Wheat, May, 10½; July, 9½; Sept., 9½; old, 9½; Corn, Feb., 55½; May, 56½; July, 55½; Sept., 56½; old, 55½; July, 55½; Sept., 56½ to 30½.

London, Feb. 26.—Consols for money, 89½; consols for account, 89½.

New York, Feb. 26.—Money on call, easy at 1½ per cent; to loan, 2 per cent; time loans, steady, 60 days, 3 to 3½ per cent; 90 days, 3½ to 3¾ per cent; six months, 3¾ to 4 per cent.

New York, Feb. 26.—Prime mercantile paper, 4½ to 5½ per cent; sterling exchange strong after weakness, at \$4.85 to \$4.90; 55 for demand, and at \$4.85 to \$4.90 for 60 day bills; posted rates, \$4.85 to \$4.90; commercial bills, \$4.85; bar silver, 75½; Mexican dollars, 45½; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, steady.

London, Feb. 26.—Lead, £11, 15s.

New York, Feb. 26.—Lead, \$4.40.

COMFORT FOR THE AGED.
Judging from the letters of people up in years there is no medicine which so promptly frees them of aches and pains as the famous Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Even when all other means have failed old people can turn to this great medicine with full assurance of relief and cure.

THE WEATHER.

Metropolitan Office.
Victoria, Feb. 26.—8 p. m.
SYNOPTIC.

The storm area which was approaching the coast yesterday is now over Northern British Columbia with a centre of 29.00 in latitude. This disturbance has caused a general rainfall over the entire coast and accompanied by southerly gales on the coast. Light snow is falling in Cariboo and milder weather has crossed the Rockies to Alberta where the temperature rose 50 degrees since morning.

TEMPERATURE.	Min.	Max.
Victoria	34	45
New Westminster	31	48
Kamloops	30	45
Barkerville	10	30
Dawson	20	—8
Calgary	10	40
Winnipeg	—8	0
Portland, Ore.	40	48
San Francisco	50	58

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Saturday:
Victoria and vicinity: Winds chiefly west-south or southerly, settled with occasional rain or sleet.
Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, unsettled with rain or sleet, not much change in temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 6 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 6 p. m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 26.	Deg.	Deg.
5 a. m.	34	45
Noon	40	48
5 p. m.	36	45
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:		
5 a. m.	Cal.	
Noon	Cal.	
5 p. m.	12 miles southwest.	
Average state of weather—Showery.		
Rain and melted snow—14 inch.		
Sunshine—38 minutes.		
Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.250		
Corrected.....29.254		

NEW WESTMINSTER.
Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected.....29.24

"Clark's Lunch Tongue" is the house-keeper's friend, always ready in an emergency, always welcomed on the table. Try it. W. W. Clark, Mr. Montreal.

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CRUSHING.

"Do you think, then, that men descended from the chimpanzees?" asked Willie Wishtrom, an inquisitor.

"Some did," answered Miss Cayenne, "and some merely remained stationary."

PUTTING BABY ASLEEP.

If baby is restless or sleepless do not give it "soothing" medicines to make it sleep. These medicines always contain opiates, and you are merely drugging the little one into temporary insensibility. In fact you are putting its life in peril. Restlessness and sleeplessness is usually the result of some trouble of the stomach or bowels, and if this is removed the child will sleep naturally, and awake bright and healthy. Baby's Own Tablets cure all stomach and bowel troubles, and the mother has a solemn assurance that the medicine contains no opiate or harmful drug. Mrs. Louis Revell, Galt, Ont., says: "My baby suffered from colic, cried a great deal and was very sleepless. After giving him Baby's Own Tablets the trouble disappeared and through giving him an occasional Tablet since, he has always been healthy, and is now a strong rugged child. No mother should ever be without the Tablets in the house." You can get Baby's Own Tablets from any dealer in medicine, or if you write to "The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., the Tablets will be sent by mail at 25 cents a box.

LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Matthew Blaquiere, late of the City of Victoria, Deceased.

Whereas upon application made in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, on the 23rd of January, 1904, probate of the will of the above deceased was granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Irving to Peter Carr, the executor therein named.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act" all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Matthew Blaquiere, who died on or about the seventh day of January, 1904, are required to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of March, 1904, their claims, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further, take notice, that after the said 7th day of March, 1904, the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which he then shall have notice and that the said Executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 2nd day of February, 1904.

MCPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
Solicitors for the Executor. Offices Bank of Montreal Chambers, corner of Government and Bastion streets, Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act, notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the late Alexander Roland Milne, C. M. G., who died at Victoria, B. C., on the 17th day of January, 1904, and letters of administration of whose estate were duly issued to Annie Milne of Victoria aforesaid, the widow of the said deceased, out of the Victoria Registry of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, on the 5th day of February, 1904, are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims to the undersigned, the solicitors for the said Annie Milne, before the 13th day of March, 1904, after which date the said Annie Milne will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Alexander Roland Milne amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which the said Annie Milne has then had notice, and she will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons whose claims notice shall not have been received at the time of distribution.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 22nd day of February, 1904.

POOLEY, LUTON & POOLEY,
Of 21 Bastion street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the said Annie Milne.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within the tract of land bounded on the south by the southern boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 30th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway and grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

THE VICTORIA WHARF & WAREHOUSE CO., LTD.
Six Per Cent Debentures.

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the conditions upon which the above-named debentures were issued, a drawing of the debentures to be paid off at par on the 1st of March next will take place at the company's office, Wharf street, Victoria, B. C., on Saturday, the 27th day of February, at 11 a. m.

The numbers of the drawn debentures will be duly advertised for the information of the holders thereof.

J. H. LAWSON,
Secretary.
Wharf Street, Victoria, Jan. 23rd, 1904.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

18th February, 1904.
His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor directs the publication of the undermentioned notice, which is published in an Extra of The Canada Gazette of the 13th instant.

By Command.
RICHARD McBRIDE,
Provincial Secretary.

His Excellency the Governor-General has received a further telegram from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, directing that the following additional rules be added to those already published touching the coaling of belligerent vessels of war in British ports:

(1.) During continuation of hostilities no coal to be supplied to war ships of either of the belligerent powers, except on a written authorization of the competent port authorities, specifying the amount of coal which may be supplied.

(2.) Before issuing any authorization for the supply of coal to any belligerent warship the port authority shall obtain a written declaration signed by the commanding officer of the ship, of the destination to which it is proceeding, and the amount of coal already on board.

By Command.
R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary of State.

Notice is hereby given that three months after date application will be made to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, by J. V. Melor & Co., Limited, to change the name of the company to "The Melrose Co., Limited."

MCPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
Solicitors for the Company.
February 9th, 1904.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

18th February, 1904.
His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor directs the publication of the following official notice published in an Extra of The Canada Gazette, dated 11th February, 1904.

By Command.
RICHARD McBRIDE,
Provincial Secretary.

His Excellency the Governor-General has received a telegram from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, drawing attention to His Majesty's proclamation of neutrality in the occasion of the war between Japan and Russia. The text of the proclamation has not yet come to hand. In the meantime His Excellency the Governor-General hereby charges and commands all subjects of His Majesty within the Dominion of Canada to observe strict neutrality in and during the aforesaid war, and to abstain from visiting or conveying either land or sea and states of the realm in that behalf, or the law of nations in relation thereto.

Attention is also directed to the requirements of the Foreign Enlistment Act, and the rules based thereon. All British subjects are warned against any transgression of the same.

The following rules are hereby declared to be in force forthwith:

Rule A.—No ships of war of either belligerent may use the British waters as places of resort for war-like purposes or equipment, or may leave British waters with arms, munitions, or other warlike stores. If a ship of either belligerent, whether a ship of war or a merchant ship.

Rule B.—Every such ship of war shall be required to put to sea within twenty-four (24) hours after entrance, unless in event of stress of weather necessary for repairs or provisions, in which case it must leave as soon as possible, and certainly within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of repairs.

Rule B is subject to Rule A, and time must be extended accordingly. No supplies to be allowed beyond provisions and subsistence for crew necessary for immediate use, nor coal beyond what can take the ship to the nearest port of its own country. No ship can coal in any British port twice within three months. No prizes can be brought into British waters.

By Command.
R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary of State.

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Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors from the premises situate on the north side of Johnson street, in the City of Victoria, and known as the International hotel, to Richmond street.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1904.
GEO. B. HOWARD,
By his Attorney in Fact.
C. A. HOLLAND.

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References: Colonel Dudley, U. S. A. Consul, Vancouver, and Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co., Vancouver Branch.
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WANTED—MALE HELP.

WANTED—Retail grocery salesman, by corresponding with The Pure Gold Manuf. Co., Ltd., Toronto, will learn something to their advantage. J. J. Gibbons. 127

WANTED—Active or silent partner with twenty thousand dollars, for a firmly established mercantile business in Vancouver, B. C., paying about 10 per cent. Excellent future prospects. For particulars apply to W. Hart-McIlarg, Barrister, Vancouver, B. C. 128

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WANTED—An eastern financial institution will pay the right kind of a man liberally who speaks English and Chinese fluently. Address J. K. L., care Colonist. 121

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FOR SALE—Three Wyandotte cockerels, one Orpington cockerel, prize winners, \$2 each. R. W. Clark, 120 Richardson street. 129

FOR SALE—Bucksinn pony, 6 years old, at a bargain. "Pony," this office. 127

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Freight Rates
And AssessmentsPremier McBride States a Few
Facts With Reference
To C. P. R.Traffic Manager's Objections
To Reduction on Lumber
Charges Met.

As may be known to readers, a strong effort has been made on the part of the lumbermen of British Columbia, to obtain a reduction in freight rates on lumber shipped from Vancouver to points in the Northwest and Manitoba. This has been refused by the C. P. R. on grounds stated in an interview which appeared in the Colonist. Province, with Mr. P. W. Peters, assistant general traffic manager of western lines of the C. P. R., as follows:

"Shortly before I left Winnipeg," continued Mr. Peters, "I met the lumber manufacturers of the Coast and the Crow's Nest district met with a request for a reduction, but we told them emphatically that we could not meet their wishes. We explained to them that the increase in our rates of taxation in British Columbia rendered it impossible for us to consider reductions in rates. It was further explained to the lumbermen that the expense of hauling empty cars west over the mountains to receive shipments was another factor of expense which had to be taken into consideration. To handle lumber from the Coast, a great many cars have to be hauled through the mountains at a dead loss.

"It's a very poor time for British Columbia people to ask the C. P. R. to reduce rates. It must be remembered that the provincial government has just increased the taxation on railroads, and is taking money out of the C. P. R. to build bridges and roads in British Columbia. The government has increased the taxable valuation from \$2,000 to \$10,000 per mile. All the burden of this tax falls on the C. P. R., which has approximately 60 miles of road in British Columbia. On the other hand, the Great Northern, with less than a hundred miles of track, hardly feels the tax. Yes, the man who asks for reduced freight rates just now is little to pass an uncomfortable few minutes with the company officials."

A representative of the Colonist waited on Hon. Mr. McBride, Premier, and asked him if he had seen the interview in the Province from which the above was extracted. Mr. McBride said that it had been called to his attention by the Minister of Finance.

"What have you to say in regard to it?" was the query.

"Well," remarked the Premier, "it strikes me as a remarkable statement coming from Mr. Peters, and my only explanation is that it must have been inspired from headquarters. The executive of the C. P. R. has evidently just been talking to the government, because it has declared for free trade in railroads."

"In the past the taxation on the C. P. R. and all other lines in this province has been very low. A reasonable valuation of the company's system in British Columbia is from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000."

"Last year the taxes paid by the C. P. R. was \$12,402, less than the amount from a similar line, the Great Northern, which paid \$13,447, and the average for eight years was about \$11,500. Three hundred and forty-five miles of their system is exempt altogether for a term of years."

"Because they have paid only this small amount in the past, which might reasonably have been much more, is no justification for the basis of assessment always remaining the same. The C. P. R. is the only railway in the country south of the Columbia which has raised any opposition to the increase."

"I might give you some figures showing that in a number of states in the United States the railways pay very much more. In the way of taxation per mile than here. As a rule, the railways in the country south of us have been built without subsidies and exemptions of any kind; but most persons are fully aware of that fact."

"The mistake made was in reducing the assessment on railways from the rate first fixed. In 1885 the C. P. R. with 600 miles of railway, was taxed \$60,000, which was compromised to about \$30,000. This latter sum was paid without a murmur, and would

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Empress Liners
As CruisersReport That Canadian Pacific's
Big Boats Have Shipped
Their Guns.Ramona Has Cold and Stormy
Trip in the Northern
Waters.

Yesterday morning it was learned, on good authority, that orders had been received by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to transform the magnificent vessels of the Empress Line, plying between Victoria and the Orient, into armed cruisers at once; and that in accordance with the instructions, the Empresses have shipped at Hong Kong their six-inch guns, and all the necessary equipment for making the important change in their capacity for war.

It is also understood that the Empresses, from this date forward, at least until the termination of the present war, are to maintain the vigilance and readiness for emergency with the guns that would be observed on board a British ship of war. Of course, no one expects that anything in the nature of a collision will take place between any of the Empresses and any foreign warship, even should hostilities be extended to bring in the various European powers, for the combined navies of Britain, America and Japan would put the possibility of any such collision, anywhere in the Pacific far out of the range of probability.

This is the first occasion since the Empresses went on the trans-Pacific route that they have been ordered to mount their guns in readiness for eventualities. It is understood that during the China-Japanese war of the nineties the guns were shipped but not mounted.

The Empresses, owing to their speed and coal capacity, make armed cruisers of no mean power. They could keep out of the way of all but the latest cruisers in a chase, and could probably render a good account of themselves in an exchange of shots. As is generally known, the officers and crews of these fine vessels are naval reservists, thoroughly trained for their duties in case of any trouble of the kind that seems now likely to arise in the Oriental dispute. In the event of Great Britain being drawn into the quarrel, the Empresses would play no insignificant part in the conveyance of troops and stores.

On the Empresses at suitable spots on the broadside there are sponsons on which the six-inch guns are mounted with their steel shields, while the ammunition for the guns is kept in places handy to the guns, and well protected from possible stray shots. The vessels are specially strengthened all around the gun sponsons to check the strain of the recoil, and the additional weight of the six-inch weapons are fitted with the Vavasseur recoil apparatus which gathers up the recoil and allows the gun to return to firing position without

FROM BOREAL REGIONS.
Steamer Ramona Returns From Lynn
Canal with a Hard Frost Story.

Yesterday morning the steamer Ramona, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, reached Victoria after her somewhat eventful trip to and from the Alaska coast. The trip was a hard one, the mercury went down, in some instances, to nearly forty degrees below zero, and seldom got above the zero mark. She could not make Lynn Canal on the north-bound trip owing to the gale blowing and the cold, which was intense. She went on to Juneau, remaining there forty-eight hours until the weather cleared and the ice gave way to Skagway. The breaking seas which came on board formed ice coatings rapidly, and some trouble was found in navigating the ship. The windows of the pilot house had to be chipped out to enable the steersman to guide the vessel. Skagway was reached without mishap, and the return journey proved without special interest. The Ramona sailed for Seattle, after a stop of an hour at the outer wharf. She will resume the run to Vancouver from Seattle, the steamer Cottage City taking the North run probably today.

READY FOR BUSINESS.
Steamer City of Seattle Has Been Considerably Improved.

Following the completion of extensive improvements and repairs at Moran's the Lynn canal steamer City of Seattle went out Thursday afternoon on a trial run, which proved successful. The vessel, in command of Capt. Pierce, port captain of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, left the Ocean dock at 1 o'clock. She steamed about half way to the outer wharf, where she stopped. Besides the installation of a refrigeration plant, rearrangement of her saloon and dining room, the addition of a new port, a thorough overhauling of her machinery, the vessel has had her life-saving equipment materially improved. She has five metal and two wooden life boats, each with six oars and other equipment in proportion; six metal life

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SOMEWHAT DUBIOUS.
The following is from the Victoria Daily Times of yesterday:

"A rumor has gained some currency in the city today that the cruiser Conover, now on its way to join the naval squadron stationed at Esquimalt, had gone ashore. There appears to be no foundation for the report. The naval authorities at Esquimalt, as far as can be learned, have received nothing to that effect. It is therefore believed to be put an idle rumor."

Whale oil and bone received at San Francisco for the season 1903 amounted to 14,047 barrels of oil; 71,951 pounds of bone and 1,400 pounds of ivory.

It is believed the United States will strengthen its Asiatic fleet.

THE LAUNCH FLEET.
Many Speedy Little Craft to be Added to Victoria's Flotilla.

This summer will see the addition to the Victoria pleasure fleet of a large number of graceful and speedy little vessels, both steam and sail. The demand for a comfortable and speedy craft at not too high a price has been steadily increasing among Victorians, and the many excellent builders of those craft now established around the harbor afford an excellent opportunity for those who delight in equities to gratify their ambition to possess a really good boat at a reasonable figure.

The Colonist has been making enquiries regarding this matter, and finds that upwards of a dozen fine little vessels are now in hand, being pushed forward to completion as fast as possible to the order of Victoria gentlemen. It is expected that next month will see most of them launched and undergoing their final fitting before going into commission. It has been suggested that when the launch fleet grows to adequate proportions, that the Victoria Steam Yacht Club should be organized on the model of the Victoria Yacht Club, and an effort be made to consolidate the interests of all owning such craft. These clubs have been very successful elsewhere, and why not in Victoria?

The launchers at present under construction include one at Mr. Harris' yard near Rock Bay bridge (the old Clyde shipyard); one by Mr. T. Jones at the James Bay workshop; Mr. Hulsebosch, of John street has also one of the best of the kind ordered for the engines for two others, which are also to be built by him. Then several "Seabird" yachts from "Rudder" designs are being built by private persons in the city. An extensive order for the Mower's design in the "Rudder" is to be one of the additions to the Victoria cruising fleet. Recently six of those smart little boats were built at Vancouver, and have given the greenest satisfaction, having been very successful in the races. They cost from \$70 to \$100, and were built from published designs in the New York "Rudder" which full particulars of the numbers for December, 1902, and January and February, 1903.

SIBERIAN COAST TRADE.
Chinese Hold it, but Russia Wants to Displace Them.

The whole coasting trade between Vladivostok and adjoining places, except the fishing industry, is in the hands of the Chinese, says the Marine Journal. There has been much heated discussion how to take this business from alien hands and place it in the hands of Russian subjects, but nothing has resulted thus far.

There are a few Russian sailing schooners and some vessels of the Chinese Eastern railroad cruising along the coast, but they are not, it seems, displacing the hundreds of Chinese boats which carry the bulk of the local products. It is recommended that a sufficient number of barges be provided for all the ports where the Chinese Eastern coasters are doing business. Such barges, like the Chinese junks, should be adapted to shallow water. They should be suitable for carrying agricultural products and timber. Knowing the schedule of the coasters, the barges could be loaded up in time to be taken in tow. When cargoes are discharged here the barges could be towed back again.

A second suggestion throws light on the conditions of the national mercantile marine matters in this province. Russian subjects are not allowed to settle at will along the coast and establish villages, farms, etc., unless they are engaged in the fishing industry. There is an abundance of fish, but of a variety the Russians do not fancy for food, using it almost exclusively for manure. The Russian peasant is not a fish eater, and the fisherman's life is too laborious and dangerous. But the suggestion that they be allowed to settle along the coast, independent of the fishing profession, and that they would soon become farmers and gradually crowd out the Chinese junk men, seems to be accepted as a solution of the problem. By Russian law two-thirds of the crews on all the Russian vessels must be Russian subjects. All masters, mates, and engineers must be Russians.

MARINE NOTES.

The sealing schooner Dora, Seward and Carver, anchored in the harbor yesterday ready to leave on the cruise along the coast.

The Canadian-Australian liner Milovera leaves on March 4th for Australia, via the Island ports.

The Alaska Pacific Navigation Co. has purchased the steamer Dora from the Alaska Commercial Co. for about \$200,000. She will be used in the Valdez-Unalaska run.

The huge freight steamer Texan, Capt. Morrison, sailed yesterday for Puget Sound on board freight, and will proceed thence to Honolulu to complete her cargo with sugar before sailing around through the Straits of Magellan for New York.

The ranch bark La Bruyere, Captain Joe Jozza, arrived at Astoria Sunday, 26 days from Port Los Angeles. She had been on the reinsurance list at 15 per cent.

Following up the crusade begun recently against violations of the navigation and steamboat inspection laws, Collector Ide, of Port Townsend, has assessed fines of \$500 each against the Caribee and Chinoak, both of Bellmouth. The vessels were recently overhauled by the revenue tug Arcata. These make 20 vessels, large and small, which have been fined the same amount in the past fortnight.

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The German barkentine Beethoven, launched at Greenock December 8, is the first of a fleet of barkentines constructed for by a firm at Hamburg for trade to and from the West Coast of South America. The vessels are rigged as four-masted barkentines and are spliced and rigged after the American style of rig. Captain John Anderson, formerly of the New York schooner Percy & Lillie, has been superintending the splicing and rigging of the Beethoven. The vessels carry a very high poop deck, and in addition to this secure the builders had placed a pilot house on it, which precludes all possibility of carrying a jigger boom unless removed.

Captain Andrew L. Hall, formerly master of the steamers Walla Walla and Queen, has retired as assistant United States inspector of ships at Seattle. Capt. Hall's retirement is consequent upon his having failed to pass a civil service examination. During the examination, which was held at Port Townsend several months ago, he was taken ill and could not answer all the questions within the allotted time. Captain Evan Grunite took the examination at the same time, and having passed, he is next in line for the appointment, and he will secure it on probation for a period of six months.

It is reported that negotiations are proceeding between Puget Sound steamship companies and Eastern owners for the purchase of several vessels there suitable for the carrying season's trade. The vessels, which are not suited to the Pacific coast passenger traffic, have been bought, and is coming round. The main trouble with Eastern boats is that they have their passenger accommodation below decks, which is not suited to the Pacific coast passenger traffic. The British steamer Inverness has been chartered by the United States government to transport forage and lumber to the Philippines from Puget Sound. The Inverness will begin loading in March. She is now due at Vancouver, B. C. from Java. The Inverness is a turret deck steamship of 2,401 tons, and is commanded by Captain Fred. Her cargo from Portland will consist of 2,500 tons of oats and 1,200,000 feet of lumber.

Most fishermen on the French coast avoid going to sea on the first two days of November, owing to a superstitious fear of the "death wind" and the belief that drowned fishermen at that time rise and enslave boats.



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